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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

### *Yellow fever in the United States.*

The total number of cases and deaths officially reported at New Orleans is as follows: Cases, 3,385; deaths, 455, from July 21 to November 1, inclusive.

The total number of deaths to October 25, inclusive, was 446 instead of 437, as given in last week's issue.

Daily reports from New Orleans, transmitted by Surgeon White:

Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	New foci.
October 26 .....	3	0	1
October 27 .....	2	4	0
October 28 .....	4	0	1
October 29 .....	2	1	1
October 30 .....	4	0	1
October 31 .....	3	2	1
November 1 .....	0	2	0

October 23. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Jackson, Miss.:

Natchez, 2; Port Gibson, none; Roxie, 1; Hamburg, 1; Vielsburg, 1. McMullen leaves for New Orleans to-morrow.

October 23. Acting Assistant Surgeon Griffiths reported from Cairo, Ill.:

The following is a summary of the transactions of quarantine maintained here by the Illinois State Board of Health, cooperating with the city board of health, from August 1 to October 17, 1905, as the information is obtainable at this time.

Nine physicians, acting as train and steamboat inspectors, including one at Thebes, Ill. (Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt routes), and one at Brookport, Ill. (Illinois Central route), have inspected:

Trains .....	1,796
Passengers from the south .....	46,306
Passengers from the north .....	20,665
Steamboats .....	663
Steamboat crews and passengers .....	11,365
Total persons inspected .....	78,336
Total number conditional permits issued for admittance to city .....	25,000

All persons without certificates showing absence for ten days from districts infected with yellow fever were held in screened coaches for the proper trains to return them south, or to send them north of a line running from East St. Louis, Ill., to Vincennes, Ind., territory north of which line the State board considered safe or noninfectible.

No suspicious case has been held in detention. One case of yellow fever developed in a refugee from Natchez, Miss., who was ill on train when he reached Cairo. He insisted on leaving the train here, but was sent on to Chicago, where he died a few days later. The cases reported at Cincinnati were diverted from this route at Fulton, Ky., after learning that they would not be able to enter southern Illinois.

October 23. From Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

Maritime patrol discontinued at 6 p. m.; also all train inspection. Will retain my assistant a few days. One new case to-day.

October 10 I wrote the secretary of the Mississippi State board of health my views as to the advisability of removing some of the restrictions on commerce and upon travel, stating that I thought it then advisable to remove all restrictions as to equipment and the general restraint upon the personnel and upon travelers over the railroads. I advocated, however, the retention of train inspectors and the observance of all regulations as to health certificates until killing frosts had done away with any *Stegomyia* possibly remaining. I could not assent to abrupt and absolute removal of the restraint upon travel at this time, in view of our past experiences on this coast during November.

October 23 and 24. On the former date Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss reported that he would leave Lake Providence October 26, and that the 3 remaining yellow fever cases at that place were convalescent. He telegraphed on the latter date that State Health Officer Gustine reported 3 cases of yellow fever at Shelburn, 1 at Millikin, and 1 death in the Shelburn district four days previous, all being old cases not before reported. No new cases were reported from Lake Providence.

October 23 and 24. Surgeon Guitéras reported from Vicksburg, Miss.:

Three new cases yesterday, 1 death. Greene reports 1 new case.

Yesterday 1 new case in the city, 2 cases in the county. Greene reports 1 new case at Port Gibson.

October 23 and 24. From Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla.:

Recommend that Camp Murray close on 31st of October as applications now not more than 3 or 4 a day.

New cases yesterday 7, deaths 1; cases to date 487, total deaths to date 67; cases under treatment 97; 258 houses fumigated yesterday.

October 24. The recommendation of Sanitary Inspector Porter to close Camp Murray October 31 was approved, and he was wired accordingly. Surgeon Banks, McDavid, Fla., was instructed to give notice that the camp will close on the day stated.

October 25, 26, and 27. Sanitary Inspector Porter reported:

New cases yesterday (24th) 9, deaths 1; total cases 496, total deaths 68; under treatment 85. Houses fumigated yesterday 253. \* \* \* New cases to-day 8, deaths 2; total cases to date 505, total deaths 70; under treatment 85. One hundred and twenty-two houses fumigated to-day; only half day's work done owing to rain.

New cases to-day 12, deaths 2; total cases to date 517, total deaths 72; under treatment 80. Two hundred and forty-five houses fumigated to-day, making 2,525 fumigated in eleven days.

New cases to-day 9, deaths 2; total cases to date 526, total deaths 74; under treatment 78. Two hundred and seventy-five houses fumigated to-day.

October 24. In response to a letter dated October 19, Dr. C. W. P. Brooks, Richmond, Va., chief surgeon of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, was informed that the Bureau believed it no longer necessary to continue the inspection of the company's trains at Old Point Junction, Va.

October 24. Surgeon Guitéras reported from Vicksburg, Miss.:

No cases or deaths in city. Only 2 cases remain under treatment. Three cases reported in the country.

October 25. Reporting his departure from Vicksburg, Miss., Surgeon Guitéras telegraphed that one screening and two fumigating crews were continuing the work at that place under direction of Acting Assistant Surgeon Hicks and the city physician.

October 24. Passed Assistant Surgeon Wille, Gulf Quarantine, Mississippi, telegraphed:

My opinion conditions on Gulf coast and cold weather justify raising coastwise and general maritime quarantine restrictions November 1.

October 26. A reply was sent:

Replying to your telegram 24th, see regulations, which make the end of the close quarantine season November 1; but after November 1 strict inspection and disinfection, if necessary, must be enforced. Regarding coastwise vessels, New Orleans and Pensacola are still considered infected.

October 25 and 27. From Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

Situation here as follows: All State and local ordinances repealed; a few cities still maintain quarantine; I have no jurisdiction; some cases may still occur. I recommend return to Memphis 28th. Sheehy, Lebaron, and Gallaway discontinued from 26.

All business closed here. Will arrange to return to Memphis to-morrow morning unless otherwise ordered.

October 27. Reply was sent:

Bureau feels there is risk in giving up watchfulness at Gulfport and along the coast and recognizes the possibility of further cases in November, and wishes to avoid too early withdrawal from the field. Necessary therefore for you to remain for the present. Will relieve you soon as practicable. Your chief duty should be to keep thoroughly informed and notify Bureau of any outbreak of fever on the coast between Mobile and New Orleans.

October 28. To Doctor Hunter, secretary State board of health, Jackson, Miss.:

Have been informed Mississippi raised quarantines October 23. Please wire as to facts. Have you removed absolutely all restrictions with regard to places where yellow fever now exists, including New Orleans and Pensacola?

The same day Doctor Hunter replied:

Mississippi has removed absolutely all restrictions with regard to places where yellow fever now exists, including New Orleans and Pensacola.

October 26. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Jackson, Miss.:

Natchez, 3 new cases; Hamburg, 1 new case. Yesterday's report: Roxie, 1; Natchez, 1. McMullen reported from New Orleans.

October 26, 28, and 30. Acting Assistant Surgeon Hicks reported from Vicksburg, Miss.:

Two new cases to-day; 1 death.

New cases to-day, 3.

New cases to-day, 3; deaths to-day, 3.

October 27. In reply to an inquiry from the Bureau, Health Officer Brunner, Savannah, Ga., wired that there had been dengue at Savannah since the first part of the month.

October 27. Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen, awaiting orders at New Orleans, was directed to report to Surgeon White.

October 28. To Surgeon Wertenbaker, Atlanta, Ga.:

Wire what quarantine restriction, if any, still exists at Atlanta.

October 28. To Doctor Souchon, president State board of health, New Orleans, La.:

Please wire Bureau what action your State board has taken with regard to raising quarantine; whether all restrictions have been removed or whether some restrictions still exist. This refers to interstate quarantine.

October 28. Surgeon Wertenbaker reported:

There are no quarantine restrictions at Atlanta.

October 28. From Dr. P. B. McCutcheon, acting president Louisiana State board of health, New Orleans:

Louisiana board has raised its quarantines against New Orleans and all interior points infected with yellow fever, leaving local option to towns and parishes as regards continuing quarantine against persons only.

October 28. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Jackson, Miss.:

I have closed up the business here and will take my departure this afternoon en route to rejoin my station at Chicago. During the continuance of the inspection service no yellow fever has been reported as developing at any point covered by the service except in localities where it is demonstrable that the infection was introduced prior to the announcement of yellow fever in New Orleans. Our work has only been one of several factors in securing this result, but it certainly has played some part in it. Indirectly we have unquestionably been of very great service to the people along the roads we covered, through our very successful efforts to save them from themselves by preventing, both directly, by our work, and indirectly, by our campaign of education, unnecessary embargoes on freight and passenger traffic. Our relations to the State authorities, both sanitary and executive, have been of the most cordial character. It has been very gratifying indeed to find how generally the local authorities throughout the States in which we have operated have appreciated our

efforts in their behalf, and to what an extent the people at large have confidence both in the disinterestedness and efficiency of all the Service representatives wherever they have gone.

October 28 and 30. Passed Assistant Surgeon Greene reported from Port Gibson, Miss., on the former date that the last case of fever was reported six days before, and that 2 cases remained under treatment. On the latter date he reported that no further cases had occurred.

October 28, 29, and 30. From Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla.:

New cases to-day 1, deaths, 2; total cases to date, 527, total deaths, 76; under treatment, 70. Houses fumigated to-day, 226; total of two weeks, 3,026.

New cases to-day, 5, deaths, none; 1 death should be added to last night's report; total cases to date, 532, total deaths, 77; under treatment, 67. Two hundred and twelve houses fumigated to-day.

New cases to-day 6, deaths none; total cases to date 538, total deaths 77; under treatment 64. Houses fumigated to-day 273; total houses fumigated since 14th 3,511.

October 30. From Surgeon Wasdin, Gulfport, Miss.:

One new case 28th at Gulfport. Local officials still fumigating any infected premises.

October 30. Passed Assistant Surgeon Greene, Port Gibson, Miss., was directed to rejoin his station, Fort Stanton, N. Mex. Orders were issued to the following officers under Surgeon White at New Orleans: Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen to rejoin his station, Ellis Island, N. Y.; Assistant Surgeon Ebert to rejoin his station, Fort Stanton; Assistant Surgeon F. C. Smith to rejoin his station, Detroit, with leave of absence en route; Assistant Surgeon Steger to rejoin his station, Philadelphia; Assistant Surgeon Ashford to rejoin his station, Ellis Island; Assistant Surgeon Frost to rejoin his station, Baltimore; Assistant Surgeon Mullan to rejoin his station, Ellis Island; Assistant Surgeon McKeon to rejoin the United States Marine Hospital, New Orleans; and Assistant Surgeon Guthrie to proceed to Cape Fear Quarantine and report to Assistant Surgeon Warren for temporary duty. Pharmacist Morris was directed to return from New Orleans to St. Louis, Mo.

## ASIATIC CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

October 9. Consul Gaulin, Havre, France, reported through the Department of State:

The sanitary condition of the city of Havre is excellent, a fact proved by the weekly statistics of disease and mortality which, for a number of years, have been sent regularly by this consulate to the Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service at Washington, D. C. Although no apprehension is felt regarding cholera here, every precaution is being taken by the health authorities of the port to prevent its introduction into the city. The officials of the French Line have (not only in conformity with the quarantine and immigration laws of the United